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Mr. Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson
DC Zoning Commission
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Case No. 10-14

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

I write to express my support for Big Bear Café's proposed amendment to the Zoning Map by rezoning Lot 800 in Square 3103 from a residential (R-5) district to a commercial (C-2-A) district (Zoning Case #10-14).

As indicated by the unanimous support of ANC5C, the letter from Commissioner Youngblood of ANC 5C-03, and the letter of support from the Bloomingdale Civic Association, Big Bear Café, and its owner Mr. Stuart Davenport, enjoy great success in the Bloomingdale neighborhood. As you are probably aware, the Bloomingdale neighborhood in Ward 5 is experiencing an impressive commercial revitalization. Big Bear Café has played a critical role in this revival.

I have reviewed the details of Mr. Davenport's proposed zoning map amendment as well as multiple letters from various supporters and affected organizations. Based on my review, I believe the map amendment is appropriate. I note that the building on Lot 800 in Square 3103 has been used for commercial purposes for the past 121 years. Conforming the land's zoning to this long-term use is reasonable and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

I am pleased to offer my support for Big Bear Café's proposed zoning map amendment and I urge the Commission to approve the application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kenyan R. McDuffie
Ward 5 Councilmember
Council of the District of Columbia

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